

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2479 - SB 2771**

February 28, 2020

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes lifetime sportsman license fees for persons under the age of three to be annually adjusted to reflect the same percentage increase as the annual sportsman license. Deletes obsolete reference to a second senior lifetime sportsman license.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue - \$886,500/FY20-21 and Subsequent Years/  
Wildlife Resources Fund  
Exceeds \$886,500/FY21-22 and Subsequent Years/  
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**Assumptions:**

- According to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency's (TWRA) Licensing Division, an average of 7,536 lifetime sportsman licenses, for persons under the age of 3, are issued annually in the state.
- The current cost of such license is \$200.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 70-1-206 (a)(7), the annual sportsman license is adjusted periodically to reflect the increase in the consumer price index (CPI).
- This legislation will allow the TWRA to adjust the price of the lifetime sportsman license for persons under age three to annually reflect the increase in the CPI, from when the license was first issued, March 1998.
- The CPI index rate from March, 1998 to January, 2019 was 58.82 percent.
- The new license will cost \$317.64 (\$200 x 1.5882).
- The annual sportsmen license costs \$165 and is valid for one year; however, for an additional \$152, you become licensed into perpetuity.
- It is assumed that this legislation will result in no decrease in the number of lifetime sportsmen licenses issued by the TWRA.
- Under current law, licensure revenue of \$1,507,200 (7,536 x \$200).
- Under this legislation, licensure revenue of \$2,393,735 (7,536 x \$317.64).
- An increase in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund in FY20-21 of \$886,535 (\$2,393,735 - \$1,507,200).
- In subsequent years, there may be further increases in the price of such licenses, however the precise increase if any cannot be determined; however, the recurring increase in state revenue to the Wildlife Resources Fund in FY21-22 and subsequent years is estimated to exceed \$886,535.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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